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### Clues — Across

24. Neglected one is apt to seem rather pathetic ( M—te )

Words— Mite. mate.

The pointers ' apt to ' ' seem ' and ' rather ' indicate the mild effect that the ' neglected one ' produces. What is that ' neglected one ' ? Is it a mite or a mate ?

A neglected mite is much more definitely and intensely pathetic than is expressed by ' is apt to seem rather pathetic '. Hence, Mite cannot be the answer.

A neglected Mate is apt to seem rather pathetic. The reaction in this instance is neither so definite nor so intense as in the case of a Mite. The situation is both conceivable and reconcilable. The above pointers with Mate as the answer are justifiable.

We select Mate.

26. Other people's misfortunes are apt to make soft-hearted persons this unduly (—orry)

Words— Worry, sorry.

What is the effect of other people's misfortunes on ordinary people? They do really feel sorry and their feeling so, is not without cause. But with the soft-hearted people the same situation has a more intense reaction. They do not merely feel sorry for others, but go further and worry themselves, unjustifiably. i. e., though they need not worry themselves, yet they do so because they are soft-hearted.

We prefer Worry.

29. Servant who is always this about his work is definitely exasperating. ( —azy )

Words— Hazy, Lazy ( Mazy )

The last word deserves no comments.

The rivalry is between Hazy and Lazy. It [redacted] easy to think of a servant who is always

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lazy. His possessing the quality of laziness casts no reflection on his efficiency. He may be efficient. Such a person need not definitely exsperate his master, for, he can exact efficient work from such a menial, with sufficient urge. A servant who is always Hazy, i.e., confused especially about his work can hardly be expected to turn out any good work. Such a servant is really very trying and definitely exasperating.

We prefer Hazy.

32. Murderer frequently tries to this all incriminating evidence of his crime. (Bur— )

Words— Burn, Bury.

The perpetrator of such an atrocious and heinous crime, as murder, is sensible enough to pursue a course of action which would destroy all traces of his crime. The problem of the clue is, does he try to bury or burn all evidence which would expose his crime.

Burial is only a sort of concealment and does not completely destroy the evidence. Further, if he thinks of adopting this course he does so, & not merely 'try' to do so. This method of disposal is not very effective. He would rather choose to burn all evidence which would bring his crime to light. This he does frequently.

We prefer Burn.

33. Sometimes impossible to fathom. (Dee—)

Words— Deep, Deed

Deeds may be good or bad, Only motives of bad deeds— malicious, wicked, jealous etc., deserve being probed into. There is no need to find out the motives of good deeds. Since the word Deed becomes unqualified if selected as the answer, it is inapt.

Fathoming the depths of the sea is usually not impossible. Science has advanced enough to contrive the necessary devices such as the hydro-barometer and such others, for puposes of sounding the depths of the sea. But these contrivances will not be of great avail in finding out the depths at certain places in the sea, owing to unsurmountable natural difficulties.

So, it sometimes becomes impossible to fathom the sea. It is not a mistake to take 'deep' as a noun, in the sense of depth.

We select Deep.

34 Often essential to enable a worker to build up lost energy ( Brea— )

Words— Break, Bread.

What is it that is often essential to enable a worker to recoup his lost energy? Is it Bread—food, or Break,—a temporary cessation of work, that is quite necessary for building up the expended energy of a worker?

It is utterly inconsistent to say that Bread is often essential to a worker only, to build up his lost energy, It is no less essential to others to rebuild their energy as to workers. Further the pointer 'often' definitety disfavours the selection of Bread.

A temperory cessation of work is essential for a worker to recuperate and this he needs, not usually but 'often', for, the nature of the work he has on hand determines this need.

We select Break.

35. Average girl doesn't take long to find out the this of man she likes ( —ind )

Words— Mind, kind.

The clue refers to an average girl. Is such a girl capable of finding out the mind or the kind of the man she has facination for?

Being of an average type, the girl is not capable of finding out the mind of the man she likes. Her intellectual equipment is too poor to enable her to find out the mind of the person she likes. Her feminine instinct comes to her rescue in this matter. She soon discovers the type to which the person, she likes,belongs.

We prefer Kind.

## Clues Down

6. Bullies often try to this a person with threats.

Words— Cob, Con, Cop. Cow, Cod.

The first three words deserve no comments.

Do bullies try to Cod—befool —a person with threats or do they intimidate a person ? If we select Cod as the answer, we assume that it lies within the powers of all bullies to befool others. This is untrue. The pointers ' often ' and ' try ' disfavour the selection of Cod.

Bullies often try to Cow, i. e., intimidate a person with threats. They are conscious that their method of threatening will not always succeed. So, they often try to Cow a person, i. e., to intimidate him.

We select Cow.

11. Apparently of little significance to Dictators. ( Pa—t )

Words— Pact, Past, Part.

The last word may be completely ignored.

It is needless to point out that the past is not the present. Circumstances at present may make any one pay very little attention to the past. If ' past ' is selected as the answer, the clue becomes pointless. Dictators do not keep to contracts, i. e., pacts. Their breaking Pacst at their choice makes us feel that they are of little consequence to them.

We prefer Pact.

14. Most of us feel an instinctive desire to this an injustice when possible. ( —ight )

Words—Fight, Right.

Though we feel that an injustice has been done to us, yet it is not always possible for us to ' right ' it.

Further, the pointer ' most ' is definitely against the selection of Right as the answer, for, ' All ' would suit the situation with greater propriety. Asserting one's right cannot be regarded as an instinctive desire.

Most of us— not all —feel an innate desire to fight for our wrong being righted. The pointer ' when possible ' implies that it is not always possible to adopt this course. The fighting spirit ' in man is an instinct, circumances permitting, this asserts itself. Further, before righting a wrong, one has to fight.

We select Fight.

17. Women possessing both brains and beauty, seldom lack an admiring this ( Ma—e )

Words— Male, Mate.

Women who are intelligent and comely are envied and not admired by other women 'Mate, if selected, should be understood to mean a male Mate. Th.s delimits the scope of the clue.

Women who are brainy and good-looking rarely lack Male admirers.

We select Male.

25. Strong drink often proves a this to a disappointed lover (—ure )

Words— Lure, Cure.

It is ridiculous to think that ' a strong drink ' even proves a cure to anybody for anything. If at all, it could only be a Lure. To a sot, who has a mania for liquor, it is ever a lure and to a disappointed lover who tries to sink his sorrow in intoxication, it often proves a lure.

We select Lure.

30. Its risks are often ignored by fool-hardy people (—un)

Words—Fun, sun, run, gun, pun.

Running is not risky for people of normal physique. It proves dangerous to persons, who have heart trouble. It would be absurd to think that all fool-hardy people have heart trouble. Further, the risks of a run do not deserve such great attention as the clue implies. So Run is inapt.

Fool-hardy people are no doubt incautious. But they do not lack the instinct of self preservation. Though fool-hardy, they will not be so indiscreetly venturesome as to risk their lives by allowing themselves to be the mischance of a gun.

They undertake the consequences of the risks of the Sun, such as sun-burn, sun-stroke etc., and so often ignore the risk of the Sun. In Crossword No. 49 the official solution for the

clue 'cautious people seldom exposes themselves to the dangers' was Sun. This confirms our selection of Sun.

We select Sun.

31. Wise man thinks twice before he allows himself to be this ( —ed )

Words—Wed, led, fed.

What is meant by allowing oneself to be fed? Is it to remain passive and allowing others to thrust food into one's month. If one forms a mental picture of the situation, it will be highly entertaining, though extremely ludicrous.

Wise men do not allow themselves to be led at all, for, they themselves are capable of leading. Anybody who is only capable of 'following' and not leading does not deserve the epithet— Wise. A wise man thinks well before he chooses to Marry.

We prefer Wed.

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13. Across— Probably most men prefer their daily duties to be this ( —ixed )

Words— Mixed, Fixed.

Do most people prefer their duties to be mixed, i. e., varied? The answer to this question is a strong negative. It is within the competence of only a few people to attend to varied kinds of work, some lack the necessary physical powers, others lack brain etc. To say that most people prefer their duties to be mixed is an exaggeration. We disfavour 'mixed' On the other hand, most people prefer a fixed routine. i. e., a stereotyped daily round of duties.

We prefer Fixed.

13. Down— It is very difficult for average man to this love with woman he is tired of ( —ake )

Words— Fake, Make.

What is it that is difficult for the average man to this love with woman he is tired of? Is it faking love or making love? Since the person has already lost all facination for the woman, the question of making love does not at all arise. Being an average man, he is not intellectually enough equipped to fake or pretended love towards the woman.

We prefer Fake.

The combination Fixed—Fake is selected.

15 Across— Women are often better able than men to this discreetly ( —arry )

Words— Parry, Tarry.

We see no special reason to think that women are better able than men in regard to tarrying, i. e., delaying, especially, discreetly. In the matter of warding off awkward situations women are certainly more resourceful than men. All women are not equally intellectually equipped. So, the word 'often' is introduced in the clue.

We prefer Parry.

15 Down— Such a person is often apt to be rather exacting ( —RI— )

Words— Prim, Prig, Trim, Trig.

The selection of 'Parry' for the across clue automatically results in the rejection of the last two words. The choice lies between Prim and Prig.

To say that a prig, a pert fellow is apt to be rather exacting is not correct, because it makes an exaggeration. He is more definitely exacting than is expressed in the clue.

A person who is Prim, i. e., affectedly nice in his speech and manners is apt to be rather exacting. The pointers 'apt to be' 'rather exacting' are quite reconcilable with Prim as the answer.

There is a slight hint in the word 'such' in the clue, for selecting an adjective as the answer

We favour Prim.

Parry—Prim combination is selected.

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